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Passport - The United Kingdom - ordinary and transit Visas for Palestinians and Stateless aliens domiciled in Palestine - Not to be granted without prior reference - further instructions - F.O.C recorded

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Government of India.

Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations.

New Delhi 3, the 8the September,1948.

A copy of the undermentioned paper is forwarded to -

All Passport Issuing Authorities in India for information and guidance

Director Intelligence Bureau for information

Ministry of Home Affairs for information in continuation of this Ministry's endorsement No. D.2677-PVI/48, dated the 8th June 1948.

By Order etc.,
Sd...
Under Secretary to the Government of India.

Foreign Office Circular No.V.48, dated the 18th June, 1948.

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CIRCULAR No.V 48

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PASSPORT CONTROL DEPARTMENT,
Foreign Office,
18th June, 1948.

For official use only

Visas for Palestinians and Stateless Aliens domiciled in Palestine

REFERENCE My circular V/4 of 31st January, 1948.

The Home office is prepared to recognise Palestinian passports issued under the authority of His Majesty's High Commissioner as satisfactory travel and identity documents for the purposes of Article 15 (1) of the Aliens Order until such time as they can be replaced by passports issued by a properly constituted authority in Palestine.

Holders of Palestinian passports issued under the authority of His Majesty's High Commissioner will, of course, still require visas for a journey to the United Kingdom, and the instructions contained in my circular under reference remain in force. When referring applications by Palestinians living outside Palestine you should indicate whether the person concerned is in possession of a return visa or re-entry permit, and if so, gave details of its period of validity.

Exceptionally, you may continue to grant without reference visas to:-

(a) A woman of good character who has lost her British nationality by reason only of marriage to a foreigner unless--

(i) since that marriage, she has voluntarily acquired the nationality of a third country; or

(ii) if she is not of British stock, it is suspected that she is attempting to prepare the way for the immigration of her husband.

To His Majesty's Consular and
Passport Control Officers
authorised to grant visas.

(b) A foreigner resident in the United Kingdom who, not having been required to leave the United Kingdom, has been absent for not more than six months.

(c) Palestinians domicilled outside Palestine and this side of the "iron curtain" who are in possession of Ministry of Labour permits. Such persons should be treated as though they were stateless and, in accordance with paragraph 4 of my Circular V/33 of 14th July, 1947, visas should be granted without reference only if the individual has a return visa or re-entry permit amply covering the period stated on the Ministry of Labour permit.

Pending confirmation that other countries are also prepared to recognise Palestinian passports issued under the authority of His Majesty's High Commissioner as satisfactory travel and indentity documents, transit visas via the United Kingdom should not be granted to Palestinians or stateless aliens living in Palestine without reference to London, even though the person concerned has a visa for the United States of America or a country within the British Commonwealth and can produce evidence that an onward passage has definitely been bo

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I.
G.O.Ms.No.3666, Home, dated 27.9.47.
G.O.Ms.No.2296, Home, dated 18.6.48.

II.
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